

# Quick Notes

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**IP** Inpatient Discharges

**ED** Emergency Department

**AS** Ambulatory Surgery

## Special Edition

**A closer look at OSHPD's latest reporting requirements  
and a  
New MIRCal Feature!**

This "**Quick Notes**" **Special Edition** is a must read! It provides you with important reporting information on 2 new data elements and MIRCal's new testing feature. Highlighted in this issue are:

- ★ **Present on Admission**
- ★ **Principal Language Spoken**
- ★ **New File Format and Specifications**
- ★ **File Format Testing Feature**



### Present on Admission (POA) Reporting Requirements

OSHPD requirements align with the *UB-04 Data Specifications Manual* and the *ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting*.

- ▶ Effective with discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2008 (July 1, 2008 - December 31 2008 Report Period)
- ▶ Replace the current and interim Condition Present at Admission, which allowed for some national standard POA values
- ▶ Based on the UB-04 national standard
- ▶ Required for Principal and Other E-Codes, as well as Principal and Other Diagnoses
- ▶ The same as national standard, "Blank" is OSHPD's mandated POA value for exempt diagnosis codes and E-Codes. However, OSHPD **will also accept** '1' and 'E' as valid POA values for the exempt codes.
- ▶ Requires new file format in order to submit data to OSHPD.

Visit the MIRCal Web site for regulation text: [Pending Regulations for POA and PLS Reporting](#)

Reference: Sections 97225-97227 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 7, Chapter 10, Article 8, Patient Data Reporting Requirements.

## New Present on Admission Edits

### Standard Edits

- S129** Principal Diagnosis code is exempt, but POA Indicator is not blank, or reported as 1 or E.
- S130** Other Diagnosis code is exempt, but POA Indicator is not blank, or reported as 1 or E.
- S131** Principal E-Code is exempt, but POA Indicator is not blank, or reported as 1 or E.
- S132** Other E-Code is exempt, but POA Indicator is not blank, or reported as 1 or E.
- S134** Principal Diagnosis is not exempt from POA reporting, but POA indicator is reported as 1 or E.
- S135** Other Diagnosis is not exempt from POA reporting, but POA indicator is reported as 1 or E.
- S136** Principal E-Code is not exempt from POA reporting, but POA indicator is reported as 1 or E.
- S137** Other E-Code is not exempt from POA reporting, but POA indicator is reported as 1 or E.

### Comparative Edits

#### Principal and Other Diagnosis

- C028** The percentage of records reported with NO (N), UNKNOWN (U), and/or CLINICALLY UNDETERMINED (W) for Principal Diagnosis Present on Admission Indicator is greater than 10% of the total number of Principal Diagnosis Indicators reported. Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1, or E for exempt diagnosis codes.
- C029** Other Diagnosis Present on Admission Indicator is reported as 100% YES (Y). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1, or E for exempt diagnosis codes.
- C030** The percentage of records reported with NO (N), UNKNOWN (U), and/or CLINICALLY UNDETERMINED (W) for Other Diagnosis Present on Admission is greater than 30% of the total number of Other Diagnosis Indicators reported. Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1, or E for exempt diagnosis codes.

#### Principal E-Code POA

- C040** Principal E-Code Present on Admission Indicators are reported as 100% No (N). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1, or E for exempt E-codes.
- C041** Principal E-Code Present on Admission Indicators are reported as 100% Unknown (U). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1, or E for Exempt E-Codes.
- C042** Principal E-Code Present on Admission Indicators are reported as 100% Clinically Undetermined (W). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1 or E for Exempt E-codes.

#### Other E-Code POA

- C043** Other E-Code Present on Admission Indicators are reported as 100% No (N). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1 or E for exempt E-codes.
- C044** Other E-Code Present on Admission Indicators are reported as 100% Unknown (U). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1 or E for exempt E-codes.
- C045** Other E-Code Present on Admission Indicators are reported as 100% Clinically Undetermined (W). Excludes POA reported as 'blank', 1 or E for exempt E-codes.

## Principal Language Spoken (PLS)

OSHDP will begin collecting Principal Language Spoken

- ▶ Effective with discharges and encounters on or after January 1, 2009:
  - First report period for Inpatient: January 1, 2009 - June 30, 2009
  - First report period for ED & AS: January 1, 2009 - March 31, 2009
- ▶ Report PLS from the list (see below) as specified in Section 97234 (Inpatient) and Section 97267 (ED and AS), of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 7, Chapter 10, Article 8, Patient Data Reporting Requirements
- ▶ If the principal language spoken is not on the list, report the full name of the language, up to 24 characters
- ▶ Report 999 if the language is Unknown
- ▶ Requires new file format in order to submit data to OSHDP.

List (in alpha order by language)

ARA – Arabic	HIN – Hindi	POR – Portuguese
ARM – Armenian	HMN – Hmong	RUS – Russian
KHM – Cambodian	HUN – Hungarian	SCR – Serbian
CHI – Chinese	ITA – Italian	SPA – Spanish
SCR – Croatian	JPN – Japanese	TGL – Tagalog
ENG – English	KOR – Korean	THA – Thai
FRE – French	LAO – Laotian	URD – Urdu
CPF – French Creole	HMN – Miao	VIE – Vietnamese
GER – German	KHM – Mon-Khmer	YID – Yiddish
GRE – Greek	NAV – Navajo	999 – Unknown
GUJ – Gujarathi	PER – Persian	
HEB – Hebrew	POL – Polish	

## Principal Language Spoken Edits – Inpatient, ED and AS

### Standard Edits

- S001** Blank
- S002** Invalid
- S133** Principal Language Spoken is not left justified

### Comparative Edits

- C046** 100% of records are reported with the same PLS Code, or with 100% “write-ins” – either the same language or different languages.
- C047** The percentage of records reported as Principal Language Spoken-Unknown is greater than 2%.

**Inpatient data only:** Because the new Inpatient file format includes data fields for both POA and PLS, facilities may include PLS in their July-December 2008 discharge data. Edits will NOT be applied to PLS during this report period. Validation of PLS will begin with the January-June 2009 Report Period for Inpatient data and January-March 2009 for ED and AS data.



## MIRCal File Format Testing Feature

The new reporting requirements for Present on Admission and Principal Language Spoken required changes to the Inpatient and the ED/AS file formats.

MIRCal has been updated with a **File Format Testing** feature that enables you to submit a test file **in the new file format**, to determine if it meets the new file specifications. This means that you can test the new file format well in advance of when you are required to submit your actual data to OSHPD. You can also use this feature to test the file format when your facility or your designated agent updates or installs a new system.

- ▶ Availability: Inpatient File Format Testing: **November 3, 2008**  
ED and AS File Format Testing: January 1, 2009
- ▶ A separate link for the File Format Testing has been added to the MIRCal Main Menu, below the User Information links.
- ▶ This feature runs independently from the facility's normal report period data submissions.
- ▶ A "Results" page will display whether your test file passed or failed transmittal, with detailed information on why your test file failed.

### [How does it work?](#)

The File Format Testing feature processes your test data through Transmittal Validation only, which verifies that the file format is set up correctly. You will receive results (Results page) indicating whether your test file passed or failed the transmittal edits. You can re-submit your test file as many times as needed to pass transmittal validation.

### [When does the file have to be submitted in the new format?](#)


Inpatient: Data for the July -December 2008 report period must be in the new file format to accommodate POA reporting on Principal and Other E-Codes. Submission of this data begins in January 2009, with data approval on or before the March 31, 2009 due date. **Good News:** Principal Language Spoken is also included on the new Inpatient file format. No additional format changes are needed when you begin reporting PLS for the January-June 2009 Report Period.

ED & AS: Data for the January-March 2009 report period must be in the new file format to accommodate Principal Language Spoken. Submission of this data begins in April 2009, with data approval on or before the May 15, 2009 due date.

### [How do I access File Format Testing?](#)

Log on to MIRCal, select the data type and report period and then click on the File Format Testing link on the left margin and follow the instructions:

## File Format Testing Submission Page

**Medical Information Reporting for California**

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California's Health Care Future  
OSHPD  
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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October  
14:00:21

Jul 01 2008 - Dec 31 2008900008zzz\_TIC BR IP-ED-ASInpatient

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### File Format Testing

## Test Submission

Enter number of records to be submitted

Enter begin date of test file (mm/dd/ccyy)

Enter end date of test file (mm/dd/ccyy)


1. Locate File to Attach

Click "Browse..." to select the data file to attach, or type the path and filename into the box below. Then click "Attach" to load the file to the server. When you are finished, click "Submit" to submit the data.

2. Attach File - This could take a few seconds or up to 15 minutes.

3. Submit

## File Format Testing Results Page

**Medical Information Reporting for California**

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### File Format Testing Results

For details on the errors please refer to the [Troubleshooting Guide for Transmittal Errors](#) or the [Edit Flag Description Guide](#).

Facility Number	900008
Facility Name	zzz_TIC BR IP-ED-AS
Data Type	Inpatient
Test File Date Range	7/1/2008 - 12/31/2008
Number of Records Processed	20
Submission Date	10/8/2008 14:00
Processed Date	10/8/2008 14:00
Submitted by	robfox
Submission Mode	File Format Test
Report Status	Failed File Format Testing

Please be advised that this File Format Testing function is only a tool to assist you with verifying that your file meets OSHPD's file specifications. It is not considered by OSHPD an official (formal) submission or receipt of data.

Error Messages	Incorrect File Format. Record length is less than 670 bytes.
Number of records	1
Record #	20

**NEW!** To easily locate the problem, MIRCal displays the records that contain a transmittal error. Up to 20 records can be listed.



**MIRCal WILL BE TAKEN OFFLINE: October 17 at 5 pm through November 3, 2008.**

This interruption is necessary so that we can update MIRCal with enhancements including I Present on Admission (POA) and Principal Language Spoken (PLS) reporting and edits; as well as the new File Format Testing feature. Data that have been saved in the system will be available when MIRCal is brought back online. Hospitals are encouraged to get their Inpatient data approved by October 14, 2008 to avoid any delay in approval while MIRCal is offline.

**\*Due Date Change:** As noted above, the due date has been extended for ED & AS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (July-September 2008) as a result of the planned period that MIRCal will be offline. The reports are due December 3, 2008. Facilities will still have a maximum of 14 extension days available.

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### Update Your Bookmarks

The OSHPD Web site has a new look:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov)

The MIRCal Web site address has changed and also has a new look:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/index.html](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/index.html)

2008 Report Period & Due Dates Calendar for Inpatient, ED & AS:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/Calendar.html](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/Calendar.html)

Updated ICD-9-CM Coding Edit Manual:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/ICD9CodingManual.html](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/ICD9CodingManual.html)

Updated MIRCal Quick Reference Guide:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov/MIRCal/training/CBT/MIRCal\\_QRG.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/MIRCal/training/CBT/MIRCal_QRG.pdf)

Updated Manuals and Guides for Inpatient, ED & AS:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/ManualsGuides.html](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/ManualsGuides.html)

## **\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\***

### **IP Due Dates:**

July 1, 2008 – Dec 31, 2008	Due March 31, 2009
Jan 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009	Due September 30, 2008

### **ED & AS Due Dates:**

July 1, 2008 – Sept 30, 2008	Due <b>Dec 3, 2008 *</b>
Oct 1, 2008 – Dec 31, 2008	Due Feb 14, 2009
Jan 1, 2009 – Mar 31, 2009	Due May 15, 2009
Apr 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009	Due August 14, 2009

### **California Health Information Association (CHIA) Annual Convention:**

June 14-17, 2009 – Indian Wells, CA

### **California Ambulatory Surgery Association (CASA) Annual Convention:**

September 30-October 2, 2009 – Irvine, CA

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### **Questions:**

If you have any questions on your data reporting to OSHPD, contact your assigned analyst. For contact information, go to:  
[www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/GeneralInfo.html#ContactUs](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/GeneralInfo.html#ContactUs)